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BAL SAHITYA PURASKAR 2015

Guwahati, 24 June 2015. Five novels, four collections of stories, three collections of poetry, one book of one-act play and eleven writers for their total contribution to Children Literature have won the Bal Sahitya Puraskar this year.

The Awards were recommended by distinguished Jury members representing 24 Indian languages and approved by the Executive Board of the Sahitya Akademi which met today under the Chairmanship of Dr. Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari, President of the Sahitya Akademi.

Those who have won the Awards for novels are Tiren Boro (Bodo), Sowmya Rajendran, Niveditha Subramaniam (English), Ramnath G. Gawade (Konkani), Ramdeo Jha (Maithili) and Mukti Upadhyay 'Baral' (Nepali).

Those who have won the Awards for short stories are Nayeem Kashmiri (Kashmiri), Thokchom Thouyangba Meitei (Manipuri), Krishna Kumar 'Ashu' (Rajasthani) and Janardan Hegde (Sanskrit).

Those who have won the Awards for collection of poetry are Tara Chand Kalandri (Dogri), Srikanta Saren (Santali) and Sella Ganapathi (Tamil). Bano Sartaj (Urdu) for her book of one act play has been honoured.

Eli Ahmed (Assamese), Kartik Ghosh (Bengali), Dhiruben Patel (Gujarati), Sherjang Garg (Hindi), T.S. Nagaraja Shetty (Kannada), S. Sivadas (Malayalam), Leeladhar Hegde (Marathi), Snehalata Mohanty (Odia), Sukhdev Madpuri (Punjabi), Jetho Lalwani (Sindhi) and Chokkapu Venkataramana (Telugu) are the writers who have been honoured with the Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2015 for their Total Contribution to Children Literature.

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The books and writers for their total contribution were selected on the basis of recommendations made by a Jury of three members in the concerned languages in accordance with the procedure laid down for the purpose. According to the procedure, the Executive Board declared the Awards on the basis of unanimous selections made by the Jurors or selections made on the basis of majority vote. The Awards relate to books first published during the five years immediately preceding the year of Award (i.e., between 1 January 2009 and 31 December 2013).

The Award in the form of a casket containing an engraved copper-plaque and a cheque of Rs. 50,000/- will be presented to the awardees at a special function to be held on 14 November 2015 at Mumbai.

(K. Sreenivasarao)

Encls: List of Award-winners
List of Jury members

Annexure 'A'

Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2015

Language	Title and Genre	Author
Assamese	Total Contribution to Children Literature	Eli Ahmed
Bengali	Total Contribution to Children Literature	Kartik Ghosh
Bodo	Bokhali (Novel)	Tiren Boro
Dogri	Satrangi Peengh (Poetry)	Tara Chand Kalandri
English	Mayil Will Not Be Quiet! (Novel)	Sowmya Rajendran, Niveditha Subramaniam
Gujarati	Total Contribution to Children Literature	Dhiruben Patel
Hindi	Total Contribution to Children Literature	Sherjang Garg
Kannada	Total Contribution to Children Literature	T.S. Nagaraja Shetty
Kashmiri	Goloo Katha Boozive (Short Stories)	Nayeem Kashmiri
Konkani	Sadu Ani Jadugar Mhadu (Novel)	Ramnath G. Gawade
Maithili	Hansani Pan A Bajanta Supari (Novel)	Ramdeo Jha
Malayalam	Total Contribution to Children Literature	S Sivadas
Manipuri	Eshusha Pupu Waree Leerage (Stories)	Thokchom Thouyangba Meitei
Marathi	Total Contribution to Children Literature	Leeladhar Hegde
Nepali	Malati (Novel)	Mukti Upadhyay 'Baral'
Odia	Total Contribution to Children Literature	Snehalata Mohanty
Punjabi	Total Contribution to Children Literature	Sukhdev Madpuri
Rajasthani	Dharti Ro Mol (Stories)	Krishna Kumar 'Ashu'
Sanskrit	Balakathasaptatih (Stories)	Janardan Hegde
Santali	Haryar Mayam (Poetry)	Srikanta Saren
Sindhi	Total Contribution to Children Literature	Jetho Lalwani
Tamil	Thedal Vettai (Poetry)	Sella Ganapathi
Telugu	Total Contribution to Children Literature	Chokkapu Venkataramana
Urdu	Bachchon Ke Liye Yakbabi Dramey (One Act Play)	Bano Sartaj

JURY MEMBERS FOR THE 2015 BAL SAHITYA PURASKAR

Annexure 'B'

ASSAMESE
1) Ms. Anuradha Sharma Pujari
2) Sri Prasenjit Kr. Goswami
3) Sri Rabindra Bora

BENGALI
1) Sri Arun Sen
2) Sri Swapnamoy Chakraborty
3) Smt. Yashodhara Roy Choudhury

BODO
1) Sri Hari Narayan Khakhlari
2) Sri Rituraj Basumatary
3) Dr. Sunil Phukan Basumatary

DOGRI
1) Sri Darshan Darshi
2) Dr. Nirmal Vinod
3) Prof. Shashi Pathania

ENGLISH
1) Prof. GJV Prasad
2) Prof. Sacchidanand Mohanty
3) Prof. Sudha Rai

GUJARATI
1) Prof. Sharifa Vijliwala
2) Sri Udayan Thakkar
3) Sri Yashwant Mehta

HINDI
1) Smt. Chitra Mudgal
2) Sri Ramdarash Mishra
3) Sri Swayam Prakash

KANNADA
1) Sri Fakir Mohammed Katpadi
2) Sri Na. Dsouza
3) Prof. Rajappa Dalavai

KASHMIRI
1) Smt. Ateeqa Bano
2) Sri Ayoub Sabir
3) Sri Bashir Arif

KONKANI
1) Prof. Bhushan Bhave
2) Ms. Sheela Naik Kolambkar
3) Dr. Priyadarsini Tadkodkar

MAITHILI
1) Dr. Keshkar Thakur
2) Dr. Munishwar Jha
3) Dr. Ratneshwar Mishra

MALAYALAM
1) Dr. K. Sreekumar
2) Dr. P.V. Krishnan Nair
3) Sri Subhash Chandran

MANIPURI
1) Sri R.K. Bidur Singh
2) Dr. Soibam Ibocha Singh
3) Prof Thounaojam Ratankumar Singh

MARATHI
1) Sri Bharat Sasne
2) Sri Satish Kalsekar
3) Sri Yashawant Manohar

NEPALI
1) Dr. H.P. Adhikari
2) Sri Sachin Rai
3) Dr. Mohan P. Dahal

ODIA
1) Sri Dash Benhur
2) Dr. Prasanna Ku. Patnaik
3) Sri Satakadi Hota

PUNJABI
1) Sri Amarjit Singh Grewal
2) Dr. Kuldeep Kaur Pahwa
3) Dr. Surjeet Judge

RAJASTHANI
1) Sri Bharat Ola
2) Sri Nand Bhardwaj
3) Sri Shankar Singh Rajpurohit

SANSKRIT
1) Prof. Gangadhar Panda
2) Prof. Ramesh Chandra Panda
3) Prof. Satyavrat Shastri

SANTALI
1) Sri Jadumani Beshra
2) Sri Kherwal Soren
3) Sri Subodh Hansda

SINDHI
1) Sri Bansi Khoobchandani
2) Sri Goverdhan Sharma 'Ghayal'
3) Sri Sunder Agnani

TAMIL
1) Dr. Abdul Rahman
2) Sri Ra. Natarasan
3) Sri Ko. Ma. Kothandam

TELUGU
1) Dr. Bhoopal
2) Sri K.Sreenivas
3) Sri Yakoob

URDU
1) Sri Nusrat Zaheer
2) Dr. Rashid Anwar Rashid
3) Sri Suhail Anjum